अंतर्गत न तो गत वर्ष और न ही चालू वर्ष के दौरान गुजरात राज्य सरकार से कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है।

NTC Mill? Working in Kanpur

3846. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how many textile mills are working under National Textile Corporation in Kanpur;

(b) how many of them are closed with reasons thereof; and

(c) how many workers were affected by such closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) There are five mills under NTC (Uttar Pradeshj m Kanpur. Although none of these mills have been closed down there is cessation of activities in all the five mills due to shortage of working capital, imbalance in workers due to Voluntary Retirement Scheme and stoppage of electricity/power due to non-payment of dues. There are 9142 workers in these mills who are being paid wages.

Export of Cotton

3847. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 24 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27-7-1993 and state:

(a) what are the recommendations of the Chokha Rao Committee and whether Government have implemented them; the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that country cannot afford to allow free export of cotton for several reasons; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that state intervention through public sector bodies like the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) is vital at the present juncture; if so the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Chokha Rao Committee's Report relates to analysis of price situation of agricultural commodities and has been submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture. However, recommendations relating to the Ministry of Textiles pertain to certain modifications in the cotton export policy such as doing away with the restrictions on the cotton exports, fixing of price band etc. The Ministry of Textiles has already sent its comments to the Ministry of Agriculture. As per the information furnished by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Report of the Committee is still under examination by them.

(b) Yes, Sir, the country cannot afford to allow free export of cotton because the cotton export policy is determined keeping in view the factors such as domestic availability of raw material, trend of the prices, both do mestic and international, with reference to the interests of both the cotton growers and the textile industry; and the interests of the decentralised handloom and power-loom sectors. Although the general policy of the Ministry is to permit the export of value-added items, the export of raw cotton is also allowed to achieve the objectives of (i) stabilisation of cotton price which is very important for both cotton growers as well as the industry; (ii) ensuring remune rative prices to the cotton growers and (iii) maintaining India's presence in the interna tional market as a stable supplier of cotton.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) undertakes price support operations in case the prices come below the minimum support price level in the interests of the cotton farmers. The Cor poration also intervenes in the market to keep the prices above the support price levels.

Decontrol of Cotton Export

@3848. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Agriculture Ministry is contemplating decontrolling of

@ Previously Unstarred Question 2128 transferred from 12-8-93.

cotton exports to stabilise the domestic market and ensure remunerative prices for planters;

(b) if so, whether any concrete proposals and formula have been worked out; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) 'Cotton exports' is a subject allocated to Ministry of Textiles which is not contemplating decontrol of cotton exports.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

12.00 Noon

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

SHRI 1NDER KUMAR GUJRAL (Bihar): Madam. I present the Second Report (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce on the Rubber (Amendment) Bill, 1992.

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSES ON THE COPYRIGHT (SECOND AMENDMENT) BILL, 1992

SYED SIBTEY RAZI (Uttar Pradesh): Madam, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Report of the Joint Committee of the Houses on the Bill further to amend the Copyright Act, 1957.

EVIDENCE TENDERED BEFORE THE IOINT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSES ON THE COPYRIGHT (SECOND AMENDMENT) BILL, 1992

SYED SIBTEY RAZI (Uttar Pradesh): Madam, I lay on the Table the record of evidence tendered before the Joint Committee of the Houses on the Bill further to amend the Copyright Act, 1957.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Statement of Accounts of the Rajasthan Stale Electricity Board (1991-92) and related papers.

II. Financial Statement of the Rajasthan State Electricity Board (1992-93 and 1993-94) and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (5) of section 69 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 read with sub-clause (iv) of clause (c) of the Proclamation dated the 15th December, 1992, issued by the President in relation to the State of Rajasthan : —

(i) Annual Statement of Accounts of the Rajasthan State Electricity Board for the year 1991-92 and the Audit Report thereon.

(ii) Statement of objects and reasons for laying the Annual Accounts.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

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II. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers under sub-section (3) of section 61 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 read with sub-clause (iv) of clause (c) of the Proclamation dated the 15th December, 1992 issued by the President in relation to the State of Rajasthan : —

(i) Annual Financial Statement [incorporating 1992-93 Revised Budget Estimates and 1993-94 (Budget Estimates)] of the Rajasthan State Electricity Board.

(ii) Statement of objects and reasons for laying the Financial Statement.